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(54) FISHING ROD REST DEVICE

(71) I, CLAUDE VIVIAN OSBORNE, a British Subject, of 5 Friars Lane, Barbican, Plymouth, Devon, do hereby declare the invention, for which I pray that a patent may be granted to me, and the method by which it is to be performed, to be particularly described in and by the following statement:—

This invention relates to a rest device for the butt end of a fishing rod.

10 An angler fishing from a river bank or from the shore line often holds his fishing rod in one hand, bracing the butt end of the rod against one leg, slightly above the knee. When 'playing' a fish on the end of the line the 15 angler may grasp the rod with both hands while bracing the butt end of the rod against one leg to achieve a lever action, with the butt end of the rod as a fulcrum.

The present invention provides a convenient 20 rest device for the butt end of a fishing rod, the rest device comprising a base with straps for attachment to the thigh of a wearer and a socket on its external face, the axis of the socket being inclined to the base so that the 25 butt end of a fishing rod fitted in the socket in use of the device is supported at an angle convenient for the wearer.

Preferably the base and the socket are moulded in a single piece of plastics material, 30 for example a resiliently flexible plastics.

The base of the device may be generally rectangular in plan, having four straps attached to the four corners of the base. Alternatively the base may have a pair of straps attached to 35 opposite sides for strapping the base around the wearer's thigh, and a support strap connected to an upper edge of the base for attachment to the wearer's belt. A soft flexible backing pad, for example of felt, may be 40 located behind the base, which may have a curvature in one direction enabling it to fit closely over the thigh of a wearer. The base may taper in width in a direction perpendicular to this one direction, so that when in use the 45 narrower end of the base is closer to the knee, the axis of the socket being inclined towards the wider end of the base.

The invention will be further described, by way of example, with reference to the accompanying purely diagrammatic drawings, in which:

Figure 1 illustrates one mode of use of a

rest device according to the invention;

Figure 2 is a front elevation of a rest device according to one embodiment of the invention; 55

Figure 3 is an end elevation in the direction of arrow III of Figure 2;

Figure 4 is a side elevation of the rest device shown in Figures 2 and 3; 60

Figure 5 is an exploded perspective view of the rest device shown in Figures 2 to 4, and

Figure 6 is a perspective view of a rest device according to another embodiment of the invention. 65

The same reference numerals are used in the drawings to designate the same or corresponding component parts.

The rest device shown in Figures 1 to 5 comprises a base 1 of generally rectangular shape in plan (Figure 3), but tapering in width 70 in a longitudinal direction. The base 1 is moulded in resiliently flexible plastics material such as ABS (Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene) and is moulded with a curvature in the transverse direction (Figure 2) such as to enable the base to fit closely over the thigh of a wearer closely above the knee (Figure 1). The curvature at the base would typically have a radius of 80 millimetres. 80

The base 1 is moulded integrally with an upstanding wall defining a socket 2 on its external, convexly curved, face, the axis of the socket 2 being inclined towards the wider end of the base 1. 85

The base 1 is equipped with four fixing straps 3, also of plastics material, or of leather, extending laterally from the four corners of the base and attached to the latter by means of rivets 4 (Figure 5). A backing pad 5 is affixed 90 to the rear, concave, face of the base 1.

When in use, the rest device is strapped to one thigh of a wearer, closely above the knee, on the right or the left leg, according to whether the angler is right- or left-handed. 95 Figure 1 illustrates a rest device affixed to the right thigh of a wearer, the device being affixed with the wider end of its base 1 uppermost so that the socket 2 is inclined upwardly, affording a convenient rest for the butt end 100 of a rod 6, which is normally held by the angler at an angle to the vertical, inclined upwardly to the thigh, as illustrated. The base 1 of the rest device is secured firmly to the

thigh of the wearer by means of the fixing straps 3, which can be tightened adjustably by means of buckles or other adjustable fastenings.

When the angler has a fish in play he would normally grasp the rod with both hands, and brace the butt end of the rod against the rest device, which then affords a firm anchorage for the butt end of the rod, and can provide a convenient fulcrum for a leverage action on the rod.

The alternative embodiment shown in Figure 6 has a pair of thigh straps 3 attached to the two lower corners of the base 1 and an upper support strap 3' which in use of the device is attached to the wearer's belt.

WHAT I CLAIM IS:—

1. A rest device for the butt end of a fishing rod, comprising a base with straps for attachment to the thigh of a wearer and a socket on its external face, the axis of the socket being inclined to the base so that the butt end of fishing rod fitted in the socket in use of the device is supported at an angle convenient for the wearer.

2. A rest device as claimed in claim 1, in which the base and the socket are moulded in a single piece of plastics material.

3. A rest device as claimed in claim 1 or

claim 2, in which the base is generally rectangular in plan and has four straps attached to the four corners of the base.

4. A rest device as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2, in which the base has a pair of straps attached to opposite sides for strapping the base around the wearer's thigh, and a support strap connected to an upper edge of the base for attachment to the wearer's belt.

5. A rest device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, including a soft flexible backing pad located behind the base.

6. A rest device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, in which the base has a curvature in one direction enabling it to fit closely over the thigh of a wearer.

7. A fishing rod rest device substantially as herein described with reference to and as shown in Figures 1 to 5 or Figure 6 of the accompanying drawings.

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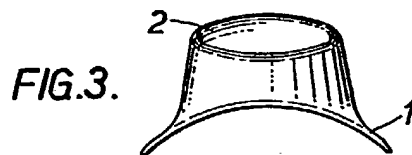
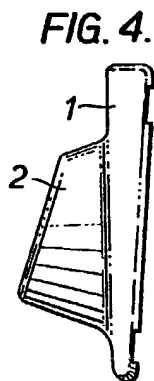
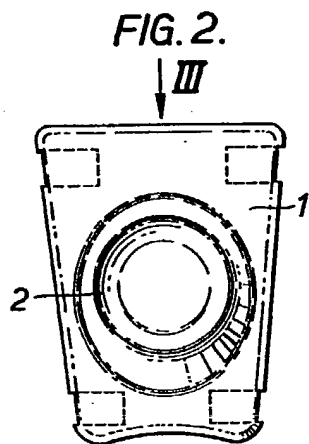
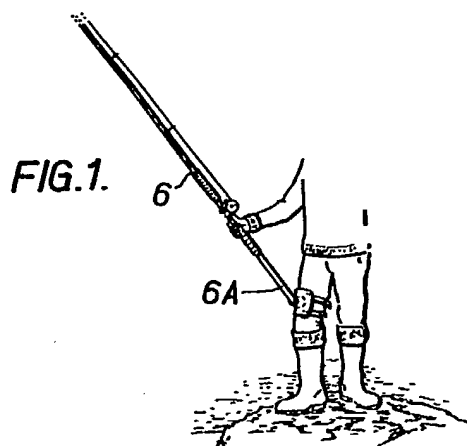
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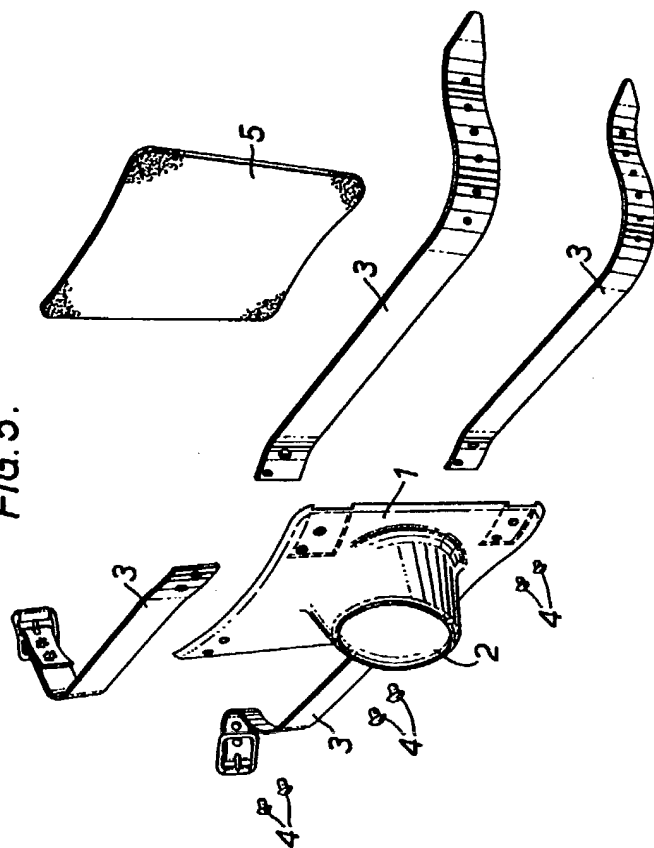
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FIG. 5.



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FIG. 6.

